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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4646

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CINCPACFLT

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CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

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7 ACCS KORAT  
354 TFW KORAT RTAFB  
56 SOW NKP  
432 TRW UDORN  
CDR JCRC NKP  
8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4502

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,  
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 20 JUNE 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 4472

#### I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II AND V: NO GRAOUND ACTION REPORTED DURING PERIOD  
18-19 JUNE.

B. MR III: REPORT OF 1,200 REFUGEES FLEEING ENEMY OCCUPATION OF  
SAN SOAK ENCLAVE WAS EXAGGERATED; 369 WAS CORRECT NUMBER. THEY  
HAVE ARRCD AT PHA HOM WITHOUT INK  
DENT.

C. MR IV: ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING MORNING 18 JUNE  
(0230 Z), WHEN FRIENDLY COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY 64 ROUNDS HOWITZER  
FIRE, CLASHED WITH ENEMY PLATOON APPROX 5 KM SOUTH OF SOUKHUMA  
AT WB 852-139 ( ONE ENEMY WIA). ONE MINOR PATROL CLASH OCCURRED  
JUST SOUTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE ON 19 JUNE ( NO CASUALTIES).

D. RLAF FLEW NO COMBAT SORTIES ON 19 JUNE.

#### II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. LPF VIENTIANE PERMREP SOTH PHETRASY DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS  
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OF LAO NEGOTIATIONS JUNE 19 WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF. SOTH  
EXPRESSED BELIEF NEGOTIATIONS WERE MAKING PROGRESS BUT SAID REAL  
ISSUES WOULD ARISE WHEN TALKS TURNED TO MILITARY MATTERS. IN  
THIS CONNECTION, SOTH SAID LPF WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT WHAT HE  
TERMED " ESTABLISHED RLG BASES," SUCH AS BOUAM LONG, LONG TIENG  
AND BAN XON, " WITHIN LPF ZONE" THROUGHOUT PGNU PERIOD, I. E.,  
" AS LONG AS TWO ZONES EXIST." IN RETURN, VIENTIANE SIDE WOULD

HAVE TO ACCEPT EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN LPF ENCLAVE BASES IN RLG ZONE. HE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED THESE ALLEGED BASES AS THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) MOUNTAINOUS PORTION OF EASTERN AND SOUTHERN SAYABOURY PROVINCE ALONG THE MEKON;
- (2) " LPF BASE AREA" SLIGHTLY NORTH OF TOWN OF HONG SA IN NORTHERN SAYABOURY PROVINCE;
- (3) REGION AROUND TOWN OF SOUKHOUMA AND IN SOUTHERN CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE. ( SOTH NOTED THAT RECENT FIGHTING IN REGION OF SOUKHOUMA TOWN " DEMONSTRATED LPF INFLUENCE IN THAT AREA"); AND
- (4) TRI- BORDER AREA OF WESTERN SITHANDONE PROVINCE.

SOTH ALSO DENIED WHAT HE CALLED " RIGHTIST" ASSERTION THAT LPF WISHED TOTALLY INSULATED ZONE BOUNDED BY CEASEFIRE LINE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BOUNDARY STAKES WHICH LPF PROPOSED WERE INTENDED TO FACILITATE SEPARATION OF TROOPS IN DIRECT CONTACT, NOT TO SERVE AS FRAMEWORK FOR PERMANENT PARTITION OF LAOS. HOWEVER, SOTH WAS MOST INSISTENT THAT LPF WOULD NOT RELINQUISH ITS DEMAND TO HAVE LPF TROOPS STATIONED ON OUTSKIRTS OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG TO " NEUTRALIZE" THESE CITIES. HE ADMITTED THAT RLG HAD MADE TWO CONCESSIONS TO LPF ON THIS ISSUE BUT THAT QUESTION OF PREVENTING " TERRORISM" TO LPF MINISTERS WAS SO IMPORTANT TO SAM NEUA THAT LPF NEGOTIATOR HAD TO STAND FIRM ON TROOP EMPLACEMENT DEMAND.

B. ON JUNE 19, THE LPF DELEGATION, LED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, ARRIVED IN WARSAW.  
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